

Announcement of an effort to restore water quality in Elk Creek located in Grayson County, Virginia

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION: Elk Creek Rescue Squad Building, on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing a study to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, and public meeting.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Second public meeting on a study to restore water quality

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: DEQ has been working to identify sources of bacteria contamination in the waters of Elk Creek. The "impaired" stream segments are estimated to be approximately 19.64 miles of Elk Creek, including the mainstem of Elk Creek from the confluence with New River upstream to the Comers Rock Branch confluence. The stream is impaired for failing to meet the *Recreational Use* because of fecal coliform bacteria violations.

A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. The plan will identify the sources of bacteria contamination and develop a TMDL for bacteria. To restore water quality, contamination levels must be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: The development of a TMDL includes public meetings and a public comment period once the study report is drafted. After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the TMDL report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, July 21, 2009 to August 21, 2009. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

TO REVIEW FACT SHEETS: Fact sheets are available on the impaired waters from the contacts below or on the DEQ web site at [www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl).

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